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U.S. Warns Bangkok on Involvement With Libyans

Thai Firms Reportedly Building Chemical War Factories for Gadhafi

By Philip Shenon. BANGKOK — The United States has warned Thailand that Thai companies are now the principal foreign contractors involved in the construction of chemical weapons plants in Libya, American and Thai officials say.

A Thai company has acknowledged in recent days that it designed and is overseeing construction of two large tunnels in Libya that are for use as "civilian bomb shelters" and that it has been asked to design three similar ones.

Swedish Giant a Survivor But Wallenberg Group's Luster Fades As Doubts About Its Tactics Increase

By Erik Ipsen. STOCKHOLM — In the midst of the deepest recession to grip Sweden in more than 50 years, the Wallenberg empire stands slightly diminished, considerably poorer and hugely humbled, still in contrast to widespread expectations, still very much alive.



Palestinian women holding pictures of their imprisoned sons and husbands Monday in a protest outside Red Cross offices in Gaza to demand that Israel free all Palestinian prisoners.

Israel Frees Hundreds of Palestinian Prisoners

But Rabin Bars Release Of Those Associated With 2 Militant Groups

By David Hoffman. GAZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip — Israel opened the doors of its prisons on Monday for several hundred Palestinian inmates in the first major result of the peace agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Backdown in France: Balladur Remembers '68

By Roger Cohen. PARIS — At a time when he judges France to be ripe for the kind of social explosion that rocked the country in 1968, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur has no stomach for conflict.

NEWS ANALYSIS. chairman of Air France on Monday, and Jean-Cyril Spinetta stepped down as chief of the domestic carrier Air Inter, Page 11.)

flights and pressing for guarantees that any future plan for the carrier would contain no dismissals, wage cuts or privatization.

Unions were clearly delighted by the government's decision to scrap the cost-cutting plan, calling for shedding 4,000 jobs at Air France and reducing bonuses paid for night, weekend and holiday shifts.

Israel has offered the prisoner release as a tangible reward for the PLO's decision to cease violence and agree to a plan for Palestinian self-rule. Israeli officials said they hoped that the prisoner release would help generate support among Palestinians for the accord.

Bid to Pay Blacks to Leave Points Up Resurgent Racism in Britain

By Eugene Robinson. LONDON — When Bernie Grant, one of a handful of black members of Parliament, suggested that many black Britons might eagerly return to their "countries of origin" with financial assistance from the British government, the general reaction from whites, prominent blacks and the media was one of outrage.

"Take the money and run," read a headline over a critical article in one black weekly. But Mr. Grant said he was only responding to reality.

"where we've got to fight again now on the streets against overt racism." He said he talked with or received letters from about 100 people "asking me to negotiate with the government for them to go home."

emerging. But on the other, many people of color believe the overall racial climate is deteriorating.

France Weighs Algeria Repatriation

PARIS (Reuters) — President Francois Mitterrand said Monday that France was examining the possibility of repatriating its citizens from Algeria after the kidnapping of three employees from its consulate and the killing of two others.

Table with market data: Dow Jones (Up 24.31), Trib Index (Up 0.14%), The Dollar (Min. close 1.6885), DM (1.4785), Yen (108.65), FF (5.859).

Dixie Town Waits for Mercedes to Pull In

VANCE, Alabama — At Crawford's Grocery, they're flying the Confederate battle flag, selling Slim Jims and Mountain Dew and sitting around the stove, spitting tobacco juice into a cardboard box and muttering on the imminent arrival of one of the world's most prestigious automakers.

But if the new venture will enhance the worldview of Vance, it also may prove an interesting experience for the hundreds of Germans coming to put the plant on-line and the dozens planning to manage the enterprise.

Change, not a regular visitor in decades, is definitely coming to Vance. The state plans to spend \$60 million to train Mercedes-Benz employees and workers in related industries, \$92 million to clear and improve the 1,000-acre (400-hectare) factory site and \$77 million to upgrade local sewer, electrical and water lines.

French Scientists Cite Advance In AIDS Fight

By Alan Riding. PARIS — Announcing what he believes could be a step toward developing a vaccine against AIDS, the Pasteur Institute said Monday that its researchers had identified a new molecule that enables the AIDS virus to invade a human cell.



KHMER ROUGE DEFACTORS — A former Cambodian Communist leader, Suy Sok, left, waiting with two of his comrades at a Cambodian government army camp in Siem Reap for new orders after his defection recently from the Communist rebel force.

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Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, left, with President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine before their Monday meeting.

# Kazakh Leader Plays Political Hardball

By Elaine Sciolino  
New York Times Service  
ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan — The president of Kazakhstan played politics with the United States and won.

President Nursultan A. Nazarbayev and Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher were scheduled to sign and celebrate an extraordinarily technical agreement detailing how Kazakhstan would spend \$85 million of U.S. aid to dismantle its nuclear weapons.

But when Mr. Christopher arrived at Mr. Nazarbayev's office on Sunday, the Kazakh leader told him to put away his pen. Of course Kazakhstan was willing to sign the agreement, he said, but only at a pomp-filled, face-to-face ceremony with President Bill Clinton.

No matter that the money will be stalled until after the agreement is signed, Mr. Nazarbayev, 53, a former engineer, is eager to look like a

first-rank leader, both at home and abroad, and he considers the photo opportunity more important.

Mr. Nazarbayev delivered his message over a lunch of lamb dumplings and horsemeat pâté, and a senior administration official paraphrased it this way: "We think we've been responsible on the international stage. I don't want to be overlooked. I don't want to be considered an afterthought after Russia and the Ukraine."

Kazakhstan, the former Soviet Union's second-largest republic, is crucial because it has roughly 100 Soviet-era nuclear weapons and the largest Soviet-era nuclear test site on its territory. Russia, Ukraine and Belarus also inherited nuclear weapons.

The Central Asian country also has one of the largest oil fields outside the Gulf, so important that the San Francisco-based Chevron Corp. is willing to put up 80 per-

cent of the \$20 billion capital investment required to develop it. It is rich in chrome, gold, silver, zinc, lead and iron ore deposits and a major exporter of coal and wheat.

For the moment, however, Kazakhstan is poor, so poor that people line the streets to barter whatever they have. Its economy shrank 14 percent last year, 10 percent the year before, and inflation was 2,000 percent in 1992.

Mr. Nazarbayev, who began his career as a steelworker and rose through the ranks of the Communist Party, has aggressively sought foreign investment in his stated quest to transform his country into the driving economic force.

That attitude fits nicely with Mr. Clinton's determination to promote American business abroad. To help push private enterprise in Kazakhstan, Mr. Christopher announced an economic aid package of \$140 million on Sunday.

To encourage the relationship, Mr. Nazarbayev invited Mr. Clinton to Alma-Ata, the Kazakh capital of 1.2 million people at the foot of the Tian Shan Mountains, near the border with China.

After all, Mr. Clinton announced last week that he would visit President Boris N. Yeltsin in Moscow in mid-January, less than five hours away by plane. To encourage a Clinton visit, Mr. Nazarbayev offered a gesture to prove that unlike his Ukrainian counterpart, President Leonid M. Kravchuk, he did not want to appear to be using his nuclear weapons to gain leverage over the West. Mr. Kravchuk, who promised last year to give up all of Ukraine's nuclear weapons, now says his country might keep some.

Last year, Kazakhstan signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, known as START-1, and Mr. Nazarbayev has pledged to make his country a non-nuclear state.

But he wants to make sure that if he gives up his nuclear weapons, the West in return will help guarantee the security of his million-square-mile country, which borders Russia, China, the Caspian Sea and the Central Asian republics of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. In one meeting with Mr. Christopher, Mr. Nazarbayev spread out a map and described in detail the "dangers" that exist on his border, said one participant.

# Georgia Preparing New Move On Rebels

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches  
TBILISI, Georgia — The Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, vowed Monday to crush opposition in western Georgia and proclaimed that troops had recaptured Poti, but the Itar-Tass news agency said the rebels still held the vital Black Sea port.

A spokesman for Mr. Shevardnadze said fighters were trying to round up the last remaining rebel forces in the town, originally taken by the opposition on Oct. 2.

But Itar-Tass, the main Russian news agency, said rebels loyal to the ousted president, Zviad K. Gamsakhurdia, still controlled the port and the approaches.

The Georgian government claimed last week that it had recaptured Poti, but this turned out to be untrue.

On the second front in the struggle for the west of the Transcaucasian republic, a commander said forces were ready to push towards Senaki, a rebel-held road and rail junction, after repelling a counter-attack on nearby Abasha.

If Senaki falls and Poti has fallen to loyalists, Mr. Gamsakhurdia's attempt to win back power from Mr. Shevardnadze would be effectively over for the time being.

Mr. Gamsakhurdia is a nationalist who was overthrown in a popular uprising in January 1992. After 18 months of exile in southern Russia, he returned a month ago to lead an insurrection aimed at driving Mr. Shevardnadze from power.

Mr. Shevardnadze guaranteed the safety of rebel soldiers who put down their weapons and surrendered. But he said the offer did not apply to Mr. Gamsakhurdia or the former president's closest lieutenants. (Reuters, AP)

# Lean Time for Russian Army It Is Struggling to Stop Slide Into Disarray

By Fred Hiatt  
Washington Post Service  
MOSCOW — Fyodor Vershinin, not quite 18, waited nervously inside his local draft office. Officers passing to and fro with bulging files eyed the young man's soft blond ponytail like hungry wolves.

Mr. Vershinin, calling himself a musician, tried to persuade the draft board to pass him by, or at least let him serve in an army band. But Major Alexander Margulis said Russia's ailing army needed soldiers more than Mr. Vershinin's band needed his drumming.

"Before, you could get out of the draft pretty easily," Mr. Vershinin, in jeans and black loafers, said sadly. "It's gotten a lot harder."

In the wake of its Oct. 4 rescue of President Boris N. Yeltsin, Russia's armed forces are hoping to flex political muscles to stem their slide into poverty and disarray. The army wants more money for salaries and officer housing and stricter enforcement of draft laws.

Despite Mr. Vershinin's sad tale, the view from inside the shabby draft office shows that no early reversal of the army's misfortunes is likely, even with increased political clout. While there might be some short-term gains and thank you presents from Mr. Yeltsin, many experts predict combat readiness and morale in the army will continue to slide as they have since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

Many say that any short-term gain will be outweighed for the army by internal dissent and revulsion over having used force against Russian civilians.

"In general, the situation is very bad, and the October events dealt yet another terrible blow to morale," said Alexei Arbatov, an expert on military affairs at the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The army's forces have far too many aging weapons, and no money to destroy them. They have too few modern weapons, and not enough funds to develop new ones. Russia lost much of the best of its front-line forces to Ukraine and Belarus when the Soviet Union dissolved. Its other crack units, which were based in Germany and other East European nations, are being split up because they have no bases to return to as cohesive units, according to Western analysts here.

According to General Pavel S. Gromchev, the defense minister, at least 120,000 officers have no suitable housing and by 1995 there could be 400,000 living in tents or crowded dormitories. Many of the best young officers are leaving. Regional commanders increasingly operate on their own.

Many ships never leave port. Army units barely exercise and pilot flying time has diminished dangerously. The air force says that pilots are flying 50 to 60 hours a year, which one diplomat here said is probably exaggerated. For U.S. Air Force pilots, 220 hours a year is considered the bare minimum.

Corruption reportedly is rife, with soldiers and officers selling arms, petroleum and anything else they can find.

Brutal hazing of recruits continues, helping account for 120 desertions a week as well as numerous deaths and suicides, another newspaper said last month.

And — in what is both a cause and a result of many of those problems — the army is having growing difficulty drafting soldiers.

"People are just sick and tired of the army being used for politics, and in ethnic hot spots," Major Margulis said. "Now we cannot even draft enough men for the Presidential Regiment. No one wants to go."

Analysts here said that the armed forces, still among the world's largest, remain capable of relatively small operations. They can guard rail lines in Georgia, mount peacekeeping operations in Ossetia and, if the political situation changed, threaten small states like the Baltic republics.

In addition, although Russia may lack the resources to modernize its nuclear arsenal, existing missiles remain in working order. But one Western diplomat said, the conventional forces no longer have — and are unlikely to regain for some time — the ability to mount large-scale operations beyond their borders.

Overall, the diplomat said, "they're getting real short of people they can deploy. There are only so many Afghan paratrooper veterans left around."

In the weeks before and after his showdown with parliament, Mr. Yeltsin took several steps to bolster morale and shore up his own support within the military. He raised salaries Sept. 1, and he and his prime minister made several well-publicized visits to military bases in September.

On Oct. 2, Mr. Yeltsin also reversed a parliamentary decision to exempt from the draft students in technical institutes and commercial colleges. The decree modestly increased the draft pool: now only 80 percent of potential conscripts can win legal deferments, instead of 84 percent, military officials say.

Mr. Arbatov said the army, in the wake of its Oct. 4 actions, can expect other modest tidbits from Mr. Yeltsin. But he said its influence on overall policy, while already large, is unlikely to grow much.

One reason, he said, is the regionalization of power, which has weakened central military commanders just as Moscow's bureaucracy in general has lost influence.

A more powerful reason, however, is the army's own ambivalence about its role Oct. 4. The military was extremely reluctant to come to Mr. Yeltsin's aid, after having been promised it would never have to interfere in domestic politics, he said, and now feels "implicated again, smeared in blood."

"Now, the army will be more reluctant to participate than ever," he said.

He said that when Mr. Yeltsin tried to reward officers of the Tamansky Division for their support Oct. 4, some rejected the medals and others asked to receive them anonymously.

"They followed orders, but they feel there is nothing to be proud of," Mr. Arbatov said. "They feel disgusted."

# Ukraine Agrees to Dismantle N-Arms

Reuters  
KIEV — Ukraine, with one-quarter of the former Soviet nuclear arsenal on its territory, will agree to dismantle its missile warheads, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said Monday.

Signing this agreement would clear the way for Ukraine to receive \$175 million in U.S. funds, part of a \$330 million package that would also include \$155 million in economic aid, Mr. Christopher said at a news conference.

Mr. Christopher said he expected to sign the agreement on safe disposal of the weapons before leaving Ukraine on Tuesday.

The agreement, called the Safe and Secure Dismantlement pact, falls short of what Washington was seeking — Ukraine's adherence to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Pressed by reporters, Mr. Christopher said that Ukrainian officials "gave a clear commitment to me that they desire a nonnuclear future for Ukraine."

"The only question is timing," he said.

He later acknowledged he had received no promises regarding the nonproliferation treaty in discussions with the Ukrainian president, Leonid M. Kravchuk.

Foreign Minister Anatoli Zlenko said he could make no promises about what the Ukrainian parliament might do.

# China Cites Taiwan in Attack

Reuters  
BEIJING — Beijing accused Taiwan on Sunday of shelling a mainland fishing boat and injuring a crew member. The official Xinhua press agency reported that Taiwanese army forces on the island of Jinmen, off Fujian Province, fired a shell at the fishing boat east of Jinmen on Oct. 18.

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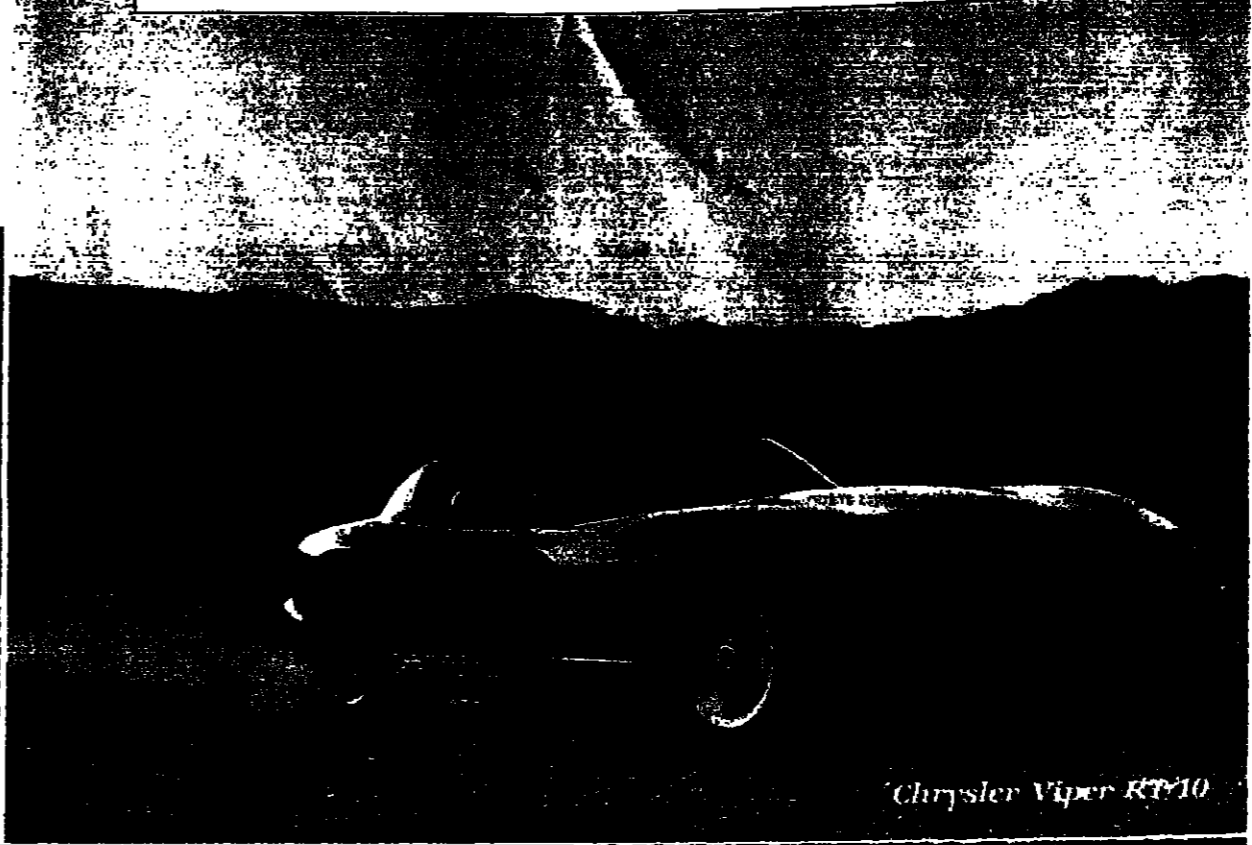
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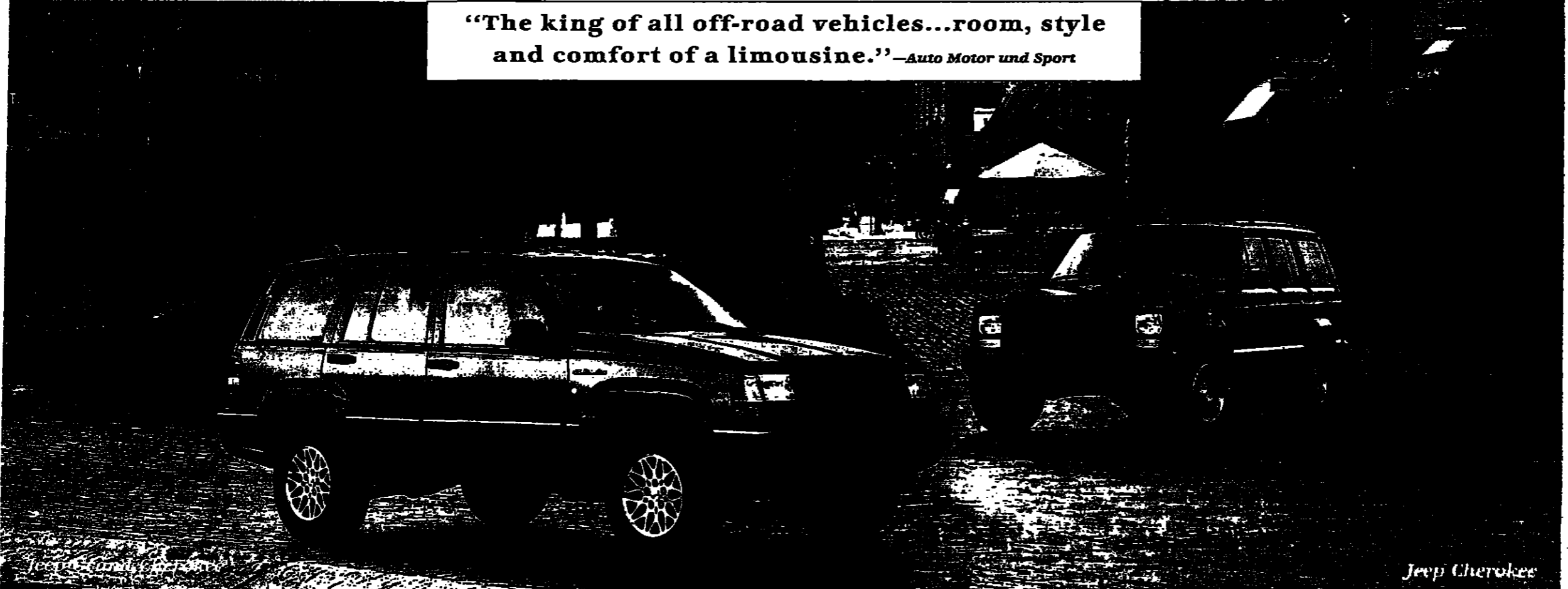


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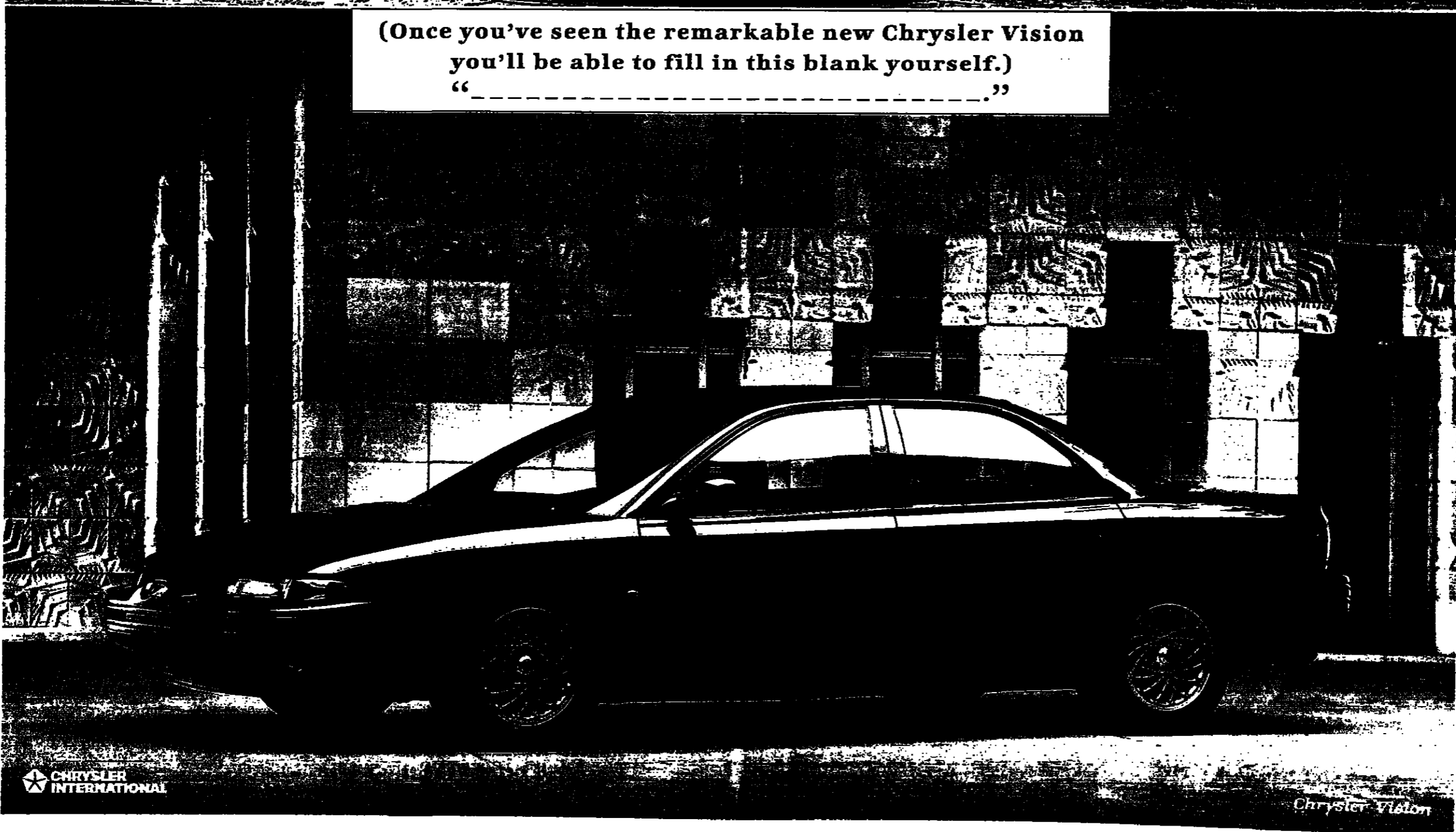
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Tokyo Journalists Assail TV Inquiry At Issue in Parliament Is Bias In Coverage of the Campaign

By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service TOKYO — The "freedom of speech war" pitting parliament against the press turned hotter on Monday as some of the nation's most famous television journalists denounced an investigation into news coverage of the national election last summer.

But a special committee of the Diet, the Japanese parliament, went ahead with its angry questioning of a former television news executive accused of slanting his network's coverage against the incumbents in the election of July 18. The politicians got so worked up in the hearing on Monday that they invoked political coverage by the American press as a model of unbiased reporting. One committee member cited Dan Rather, the CBS News anchor, as the type of journalist who would never let personal political views influence his reporting.

The argument over news coverage reflects the strains of change in a traditional Asian society that is becoming more westernized in many ways. One key area is the press, where the customary Confucian respect for established leadership is giving way to a more American-style adversarial relationship between press and government. When the Diet announced two weeks ago that it would investigate a national network, TV Asahi, for violating laws requiring "unbiased" news coverage, the initial reaction from the press was placid. Editorials generally endorsed the inquiry. But as the politicians increased their criticism, and the Diet stepped into the fray with subpoenas, concern about a potential threat to freedom of speech grew rapidly.



Sadayoshi Tsubaki, former television news chief, bracing to testify Monday in Tokyo on the possible slanting of electoral news.

Did Singapore Mean to Leak Data?

SINGAPORE — A senior government economist testified Monday at a trial of journalists and economists charged with violating Singapore's Official Secrets Act that a leak of key economic data could have helped the government.

Ravi Menon, a senior economist for the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the country's de facto central bank, also said the possibility of an intentional government leak had crossed his mind. Mr. Menon agreed with a defense query that after a preliminary growth figure was published ahead of schedule, there was speculation that it could have been part of a government effort to dampen expectations of faster growth. He said that the manner in which the information came out "may not have been very healthy" for the government on the one hand, adding "on the other hand, maybe this was a good way, not coming from the government directly."

Did Press Drive Empress to Brink?

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service TOKYO — Even in a new age of openness for Japan, the subject is just too hot to touch, on television and in print. But for the last several days a single question has been whispered throughout the country: Has the Japanese press driven Empress Michiko to the brink of a nervous breakdown?

Outside the high stone walls of the Imperial Palace, very little is known about the condition of the soft-spoken, much-admired empress since she collapsed last Wednesday, on her 59th birthday. The only confirmed report is that she cannot speak. Outside the high stone walls of the Imperial Palace, very little is known about the condition of the soft-spoken, much-admired empress since she collapsed last Wednesday, on her 59th birthday.

The couple has been doing what Hirohito never could, traveling on something of an apology tour for World War II. The right wing was angered anew, though it could not say so publicly, by the selection of Masako Owada as the crown princess, and thus the next empress.

The crown princess does not descend from the daimyo families, Japan's old feudal lords, but from a family that represents Japan's new elite, educated as she was at Harvard and Oxford. When Masako resisted overtures to become crown princess, it was reportedly Michiko who persuaded her to choose love and royalty over diplomacy, offering assurances that she would personally watch over Masako to make sure no one did to her what was done to Michiko a generation ago.

China Fires Salvo of Edicts Hoping to End Corruption

BEIJING — Chinese authorities issued their third anti-corruption edict on Monday in three days, this time banning junkets abroad paid for with public funds. The latest order says government-financed trips abroad must have clear official purposes that cannot include sightseeing.

Thinly disguised junkets have become increasingly popular; one province reported that 11,572 government and party employees traveled abroad at government expense from October 1992 to April 1993 and that "the vast majority" had no real official business. It is not the first time that authorities have issued such bans, however, and there is no indication that the orders will be effective. On Saturday, the government and the Communist Party ordered their various departments to shut down or sell off any businesses they operate because of widespread conflicts of interest. On Sunday, the government and party ordered an end to fees charged for what should be public services, such as policemen charging victims to investigate crimes. Corruption in many forms has become endemic in Chinese government and business because of a lack of government accountability or an independent press. Local cronism often keeps courts from punishing officials who take bribes or misuse their powers.

13 Killed in Philippine Raid

COTABATO, Philippines — Thirteen people were killed and nine wounded when Muslim gunmen attacked a remote Christian village on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

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Critical Trade Deadlines

One way or the other, for better or much worse, American policy on foreign trade is likely to be changed dramatically before the end of this year.

produce a general agreement by Dec. 15, the whole effort will collapse. C. Fred Bergsten of the Institute for International Economics points out the ugly possibility that all of these processes could go sour.

It is not clear that the governments of the world's half-dozen dominant countries have the political will to rescue themselves.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Forward or Backward?

Air France spends a lot more than it earns, partly because it is one of the most overmanned of Europe's airlines. Putting things right is undeniably painful.

ing farm subsidies "a new Maginot line." The farm-front owners had looked good. Do they still, after the Air France pullback?

All this is happening inside an even more agonizing readjustment. France has to accept that its place in Europe is no longer, after German reunification, the place France used to think it was.

NATO: It's 'No' for Now

The Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary want to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, but the Clinton administration is right to say "no" for now.

via, or when Greece and Turkey, both member states of NATO, join in Cyprus.

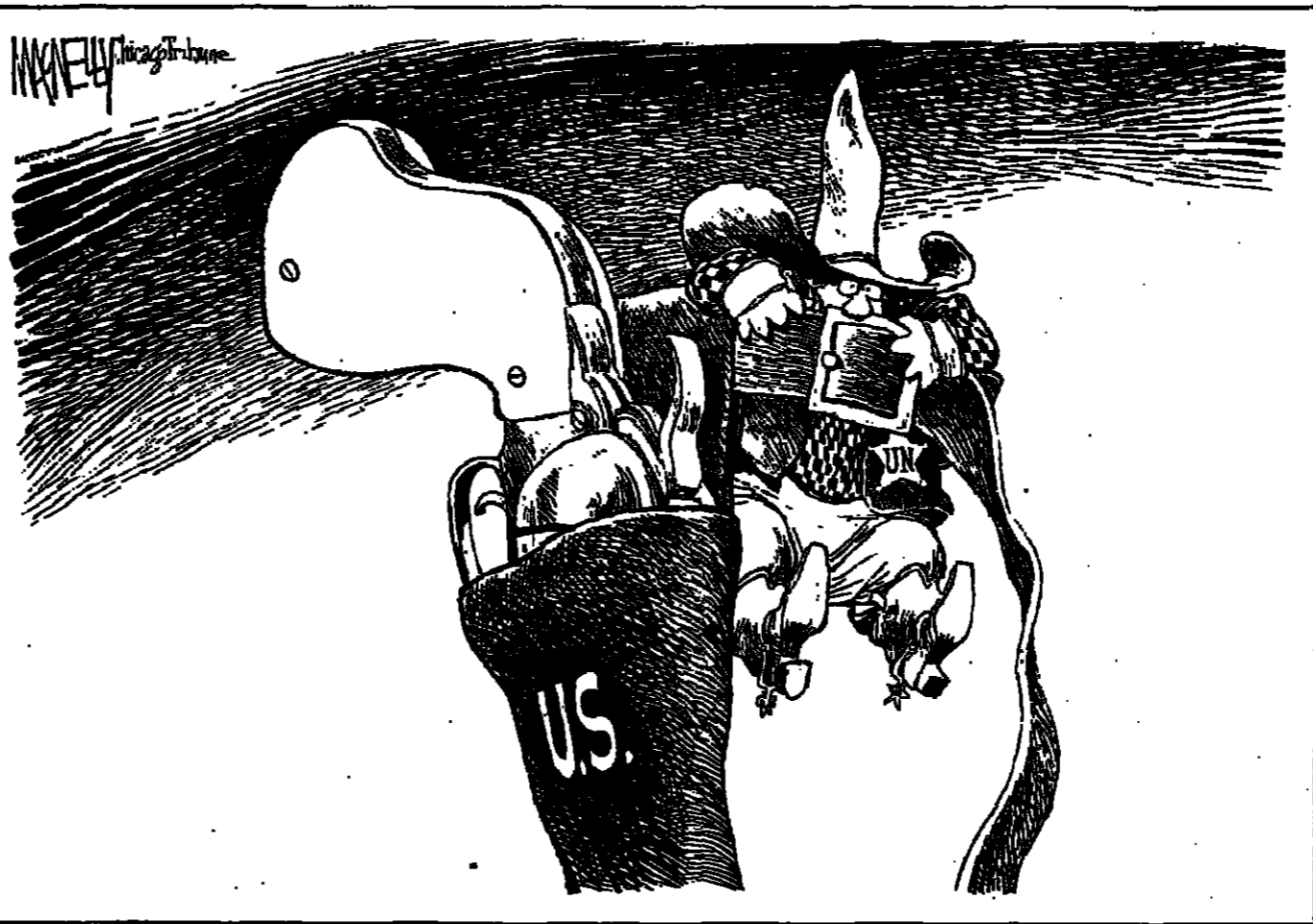
-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A French Blockade of GATT

The world must stick by its faith that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade can bring good: One estimate is that it would inject \$5 trillion into global goods and services exchange.

-The Straits Times (Singapore).



Security in the Neighborhoods Is the New Mission

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — In a blink of history's eye, desperate neighbors in turmoil have replaced distant and mighty enemies as the source of the most urgent security problems confronting the world's major powers.

Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations on the other. That regrouping is still a long way off, however, and Haiti and Georgia challenge Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin.

The Russians are asking the West to join their efforts in the south, or at least to extend understanding and support for what they are doing.

The latter approach is the right one, if Mr. Yeltsin also thinks small and keeps his actions limited to the neighborhood scale.

A New Russian Empire May Be Coming

By William E. Odom

WASHINGTON — Boris Yeltsin defeated the parliament because the military supports him, but he is paying a price for it.

public; dragging its feet on troop withdrawals from the Baltic states.

These policies because they promise to restore much of the old military-industrial complex. In Belarus, they conspire against the government with Russian military industrialists to keep their factories producing arms.

'Terrorists' in America, Be Warned

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — You are an immigrant from Ireland, five years in the United States. You and your wife are expecting to become citizens soon.

government documents in secret, without telling the alien. In that one-sided proceeding the judge would decide whether there was probable cause to believe that the alien was a terrorist.

an, Ellen Knauff, who was brought back by an American soldier after World War II as a war bride.

Justice Robert Jackson, a former attorney general, wrote a memorable dissent in the Knauff case, beginning, "Security is like liberty in that many are the crimes committed in its name."

A System In Need of A Rethink

By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — So the Hunu and Tutsi are massing each other for the fifth time since Rwanda and Burundi, once Tutsi-ruled Hutu-majority kingdoms, became independent in 1962.

But old-fashioned colonialism is out, and the neo-variety lacks the willingness of practitioners to get killed in pursuit of often vague goals.

Some of the boundaries imposed by the Europeans were for their own benefit; others were as viable as could be hoped given complex tribal divisions.

Do Haitians really want to be independent if the consequence is continued poverty and brutality? Should America feel responsible toward Haiti if there is not to be a change in the nature of the relationship between such different "sovereign" states?

Mr. Yeltsin at last has a political coalition that can break the political paralysis in Moscow. At the same time, he is restoring political forces that will make liberal economic and political reform difficult if not impossible.

new attack was launched further south, on the left coast of the Allies' line, by the Third and Fourth British Armies.

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MARKET DIARY

Cyclical Blue Chips Lead Dow to Record

Compiled by Our Staff From Despatches NEW YORK — The stock market closed mixed Monday, with blue-chip stocks in record territory following a solid reading on the U.S. economy. But the broader market was weaker, in line with softer bond prices.

The bellwether 30-year Treasury bond, which dropped 29 3/4 Friday to yield 5.98 percent, was down another 10/32 to 103 12/32, yielding 6.01 percent. It was the third straight day of losses.

N.Y. Stocks

3,673.61, eclipsing its previous all-time high of 3,652.09 set on Aug. 25.

But declining issues outnumbered advances by about 7, and the S&P 500 index registered a more-modest advance of 0.93, to 464.20.

Dollar Manages a Rally On Bullish U.S. Data

NEW YORK — The dollar rallied against major currencies Monday as better-than-expected U.S. home and automobile sales spurred optimism about U.S. economic growth.

The dollar's latest rally started two weeks ago amid speculation that European interest rates were heading lower.

Foreign Exchange

1.6668 DM earlier in the day. It had closed at 1.6775 DM on Friday, the U.S. unit rose to 108.65 yen from 108.08 Friday.

The dollar has risen 6 percent against the mark since Oct. 12.

World Stock Markets

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GM to Take \$950 Million Charge DETROIT (Reuters) — General Motors Corp. said Monday it would take a \$950 million pretax charge against third-quarter earnings for an addition to the company's previously announced plant closing reserve.

Home Sales Rose 2.6% in September WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Sales of existing homes climbed 2.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.91 million, the highest level this year, the National Association of Realtors said Monday.

U.S. Growth 'Picking Up,' Reich says WASHINGTON (Knight-Ridder) — U.S. economic growth is "picking up" and may exceed an annual pace of 3 percent in the fourth quarter, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich said Monday.

Plan to Streamline Banking Unveiled WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The administration unveiled on Monday its blueprint for streamlining the banking system, calling for coast-to-coast banking and a cut in bureaucratic red tape so banks are better poised to lend more money.

U.S. Jury Investigating López WOLFSBURG, Germany — Volkswagen AG confirmed a newspaper report that a U.S. grand jury was investigating accusations of industrial espionage against its production chief, José Ignacio López de Arriortua.

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PLANT: Dixie Town of 480 Awaits the 'German Boys'

Continued from Page 1 mines that penetrate the pine forests here like rich, black veins. James Crawford remembers how his father dug a coal mine behind the store with a shovel and a bucket and raised 11 children, all still living, many in this area.

Each is a bit on the low-tech end of manufacturing when compared with the sporty new Mercedes-Benz vehicles to be made here. Mercedes-Benz was wooed with an incentive package totaling more than \$250 million, and visiting German executives were taken months ago to the Houndstooth Bar in Tuscaloosa and tonier spots there like El Fiesta.

published its "Top 10 Reasons Mercedes Chose Alabama." These included: 10. "Confused Jim Hunt, North Carolina governor, with Guy Hunt, convicted Alabama ex-governor."

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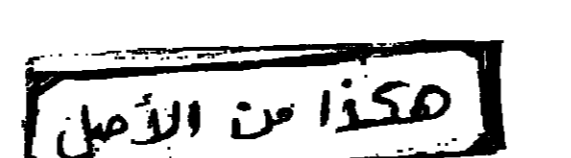
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SPORTS

Japan and Iran Win, Saudis Fire Coach

By Christopher Clarey
New York Times Service
DOHA, Qatar — This city has a reputation as one of the duller places on the planet. That was not so Monday, however.

ment, only North Korea, a 2-1 loser to Iran on Monday evening, has been eliminated. Japan and Saudi Arabia, who have never reached the final phase before, are both guaranteed of advancing if they win Thursday.



Kenta Hasegawa battled South Korea's Gu Sang Bum head to head as Japan kept its hopes alive of qualifying for the World Cup finals.

by Bayern Munich, kept Iran in contention as he scored both his team's goals in the 2-1 victory over North Korea.

The Saudi Football Federation surprisingly attributed the change to the team's less-than-dominant play in Qatar. But there may be more to the story than that.

[The Saudis apparently were irked by the friendly relations Candido had established with his Iraqi counterpart, Ammu Baba, said the Brazilian's friends, who would not be identified by name.]

Romanian referee Ion Craciunescu, who was criticized for sending off two players and booking six others in Friday's Iran-Iraq match, has been dropped by FIFA for the rest of the Asian final qualifying rounds.

Vladimir Golosov, a FIFA commissioner, said Monday he had been disappointed by Craciunescu's handling of the match.

European referees are being used for all the matches because of the sensitive political nature of the qualifying competition.

Browns' Metcalf Beats Steelers on 75-Yard Punt Run

The Cleveland Browns and the Pittsburgh Steelers have waged wars of words, ferocious hits and big plays 87 times since their first meeting in 1950.

The Japanese moved into a first-place tie with the Saudis by upsetting South Korea, 1-0. The only goal came in the 60th minute, and it was scored by Japan's biggest star, striker Kazuyoshi (Kazuo) Miura.

Daai just missed off a cross by Ebrahim Tahami in the 27th minute, but in the 50th and 65th minutes was successful. The goals were nearly identical, with Daai heading in crosses from close range while the defense was in disarray.

[Friends said that Candido had offended his employers with his courteous behavior toward the Iraqis during Sunday's match. The Associated Press reported.

[Saudi Arabia and Iraq have been enemies since the 1990 Gulf crisis that began with the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait. The Saudis played a major role in the U.S.-led coalition that liberated Kuwait from Iraqi occupation in February 1991.

NFL ROUNDUP

Dolphins 41, Colts 27: Rookie O.J. McDuffie returned a punt for a touchdown and Louis Oliver ran an interception back for another in Miami as Scott Mitchell debuted as a starting quarterback. Mitchell, replacing the injured Dan Marino, threw a 44-yard touchdown to Terry Kirby in the first period against Indianapolis.

And this match did not begin well for the Japanese. Goalkeeper Shigetatsu Matsunaga stopped South Korea's Non Jung Yoon from scoring in the fifth minute only by throwing himself in front of the ball.

Even more surprising than the results on the field was word of Candido's departure. Hired in January to run the Saudi program, his team was undefeated here — with one victory and three draws — and on the brink of qualification.

Patience need not be one of his better virtues. Oakland did suggest that the rookie develop a safer method of attempting a shot, for all participating parties.

"No one, least of all Lynn, expected miracles when the 76ers picked Bradley, after one season at Brigham Young and two years as a Mormon missionary to Australia, second in the 1993 National Basketball Association college draft last June.

At 7-6, NBA Rookie Bradley Is Still Short of Talent

By Harvey Araton

NEW YORK — The ball went down into the low post to Shawn Bradley, moving Jimmy Lynam noticeably forward in his court-side seat.

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Seahawks 10, Patriots 9: Rick Mirer's 1-yard pass to Brian Blades with 25 seconds left produced the only touchdown in Seattle.

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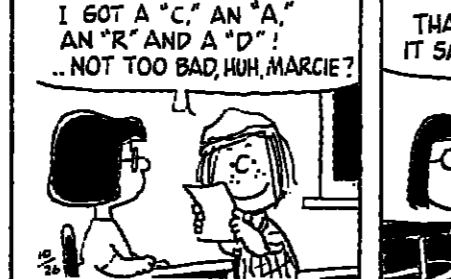
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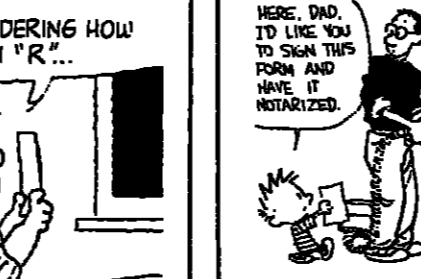
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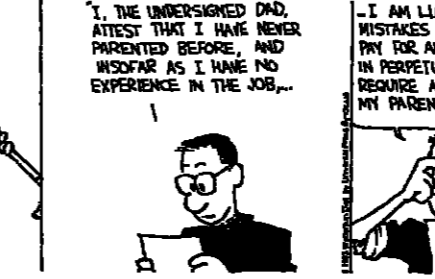
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French Runner Finds Shortcut In Marathon

By Christine Brennan
WASHINGTON — Did the Frenchman win the Marine Corps Marathon? Did anyone win the Marine Corps Marathon? Did anyone even run the entire race?

But three times during the race, reporters and others riding in a press truck saw Bariod jump a curb and cut up to 15 yards off a corner on the route, then jump back into the street and continue as usual.

Bariod, timed in 2 hours 23 minutes 52 seconds, finished 23 seconds ahead of Esteban Vanegas of Cuenca, Ecuador. The 30 to 35 yards Bariod shaved from the course would have amounted to just a handful of seconds in time, not enough to allow Vanegas to catch him.

What's more, Vanegas followed Bariod's lead and cut at least one corner, saving about 15 yards near the halfway point. Bariod, holding a slight lead, first jumped the curb, and two other runners followed him onto the sidewalk. Vanegas was one of them.

The third-place finisher, Chuck Watts of Charlotte, North Carolina, was apparently not involved in the corner cutting and could end up being declared the winner. But he was timed in 2:24:46 and would not have caught either man even if they had not cut corners.

The distance between the runners did not matter to some officials.

"Any runner who does not run the entire marathon route runs the risk of being disqualified," said Al Morris, a race official. "This is especially true if the runner finishes first. To finish first, you must run the entire route as prescribed. We have a question as to whether he ran the full course as other runners did, or if he did not."

Bariod, through an interpreter, said that he did not know he was not the winner until he was sitting on a stage for the post-race festivities. When the ceremony was completed and no one had handed him a trophy, a friend came up and told him the race result was unofficial. Organizers had announced to the crowd that the results were "under review," but Bariod doesn't understand English.

"Nobody told me beforehand what the official course was and what it was not," a distraught Bariod said. "I saw the opportunity to cut across the corner and I did it because no one told me not to."

"I'm very traumatic for me," he added. "I have spent 10 years trying to achieve something significant in sports, and I never imagined this would happen."

Alan Roth, a local racing official present at the marathon, said: "Even though he's a nice guy, you have to take this seriously. We have rules that have to be followed."

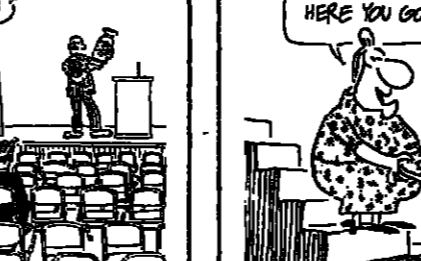
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SPORTS



As daughter Blair took pictures of the victory parade, Paul Molitor and his wife, Linda, shook hands through the streets of Toronto.

World Series a 'Storybook Ending To a Fabulous Season' in Toronto

By Mark Maske
Washington Post Service
TORONTO — The locals filled Yonge Street partying until 5 A.M. or so, then started all over again a few hours later. This was one sweet victory for the Toronto Blue Jays and their fans, and not just because of one of the most dramatic swings of a bat in World Series history...

World Series Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS SET
Batting
Scoreless hits, six-game series — Joe Carter, Toronto; old record, 2, by Billy Martin, New York Yankees, 1953.
Scoreless hits, career — Joe Carter, Toronto; old record, 3, Brooks Robinson, Baltimore, and Dave Concepcion, Cincinnati...

Molitor: The Dream

By Jack Curry
New York Times Service
TORONTO — Paul Molitor might as well have been a teddy bear. Over and over again, teammates sought him out and hugged him. Over and over again, there was Dave Stewart. There was Joe Carter. There was Cito Gaston. Gaston was not crying until he saw the tears dripping from Molitor's eyes...

Dykstra: The Nightmare

By Jennifer Frey
New York Times Service
TORONTO — There was an element of disbelief in Lenny Dykstra's face as he sat back to the crowd, looking into his locker. He had watched Joe Carter's home run sail past Milt Thompson in left field, over the blue wall, ending the World Series...

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Hockey, Football, and Soccer. Includes sub-sections for NHL Standings, Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Soccer results.

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LAZIO PRESIDENT FACES INVESTIGATION
ROME (Reuters) — Italian industrialist Sergio Cragnotti, president of the Lazio soccer club, has been warned he faces an inquiry as a probe into the debt-laden Ferruzzi empire, judicial sources said Monday.
ANDERSEN'S DRUG BAN LIFTED IN OSLO
OSLO (AP) — The lifetime drug ban imposed against short-putter Georg Andersen after the silver medalist in the 1991 World Championship...

Phillies Blame Threats Made to Kill Williams

PHILADELPHIA — Death threats against reliever Mitch Williams after he lost Game 4 of the World Series hurt the entire team, said teammate Dave Hollins.
WILLIAMS LOST A NIGHT'S SLEEP AND POLICE were called to guard his home after the calls threatened his life, Hollins said, with repercussions days later.
HOLLINS SPOKE ABOUT THE DEATH THREATS in an interview taped Saturday night.
"THE THING THAT UPSETS ME, AND I'LL SAY IT NOW, AND I'M GLAD WE'RE ON PHILLY TV..."

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WASHINGTON — Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly's idea to send the National Guard into the streets of Washington is getting mixed reviews.



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tomac River and have our planes carpet-bomb the city's crack houses.

The debate spilled over to the TV talk shows.

Retired Admiral Michael Rock first said on the David Brinkley show that Washington was another Vietnam, but he would not send troops into the city.

College Sells Gainsborough

LONDON — Negotiators said Monday that a London college criticized for selling its paintings has received a record price for a work of Thomas Gainsborough of £3.5 million.

For This Actor, No Shorts Cuts to Stardom

By Patrick Pacheco

NEW YORK — When Robert Altman was casting the role of Bill (Stormy) Weathers in the movie "Short Cuts," he knew he needed an actor whose presence could communicate a kind of shorthand for "handsome, vain, sleazy."



Lady Luck eludes Peter Gallagher, left, with Francis McDormand and Jerrett Lennon in Robert Altman's film "Short Cuts."

me. The truth of the matter is that I'm probably not going to be offered the leads in the movies. I might want to do, at least not this week. So I choose what promises to be the most interesting work.

Gallagher is just about to go into a month-long workshop of a Stephen Sondheim-James Lapine musical, "Passions d'Amore," at Lincoln Center, playing a dashing 19th-century Italian Army captain in a story of obsessive love.

Indeed, Gallagher's ease in moving among theater and television and film, playing both the shy romantic and the

posturing jerk, may be one reason casting directors have had such trouble fixing a lead on the actor.

Altman, who produced "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle" and who first worked with Gallagher in 1987 when he cast him in his television production of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial," said the actor's willingness to accept minor roles was actually one of his strengths as a performer.

In "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle," Altman said, it was the "slight Southern softness" of Gallagher's sketch of Campbell. In "Short Cuts," it was the "niceness" the actor added to the role of Stormy

Weathers. "It was a touch that made what later erupts out of the character all the more effective," said Altman, referring to a scene in which Gallagher invades his estranged wife's house with a chain saw, applying a humorous spin to the proverbial division of property.

"My career has probably had as many different chapters so far as there will be in the future," Gallagher said ruefully, the chest hair, now flecked with gray, just visible above his shirt collar, the sensuousness of his face now muted by a pair of rimless glasses.

"The day I decided to become an actor was the worst day of my life and the best," he recalled. "I knew I was doomed to failure, but I knew I could never be a businessman, which seemed the only other option."

PEOPLE

Spoleto U.S.A. Goes On, With Menotti or Not

After years of feuding, Gian Carlo Menotti says he has finally had enough and is cutting all ties with the Spoleto Festival U.S.A., the arts showcase in Charleston, South Carolina, that he founded in 1977.

Nana Mouskouri was appointed by Unicef on Monday as a special representative, to promote the cause of children worldwide.

Love notes from Ernest Hemingway, the black doll from "The Blue Angel" and about 100,000 other pieces of memorabilia from Marlene Dietrich's life have returned to her hometown for placement in a movie museum that is to open in several years.

Diana, Princess of Wales has asked Prime Minister John Major to help her assume a new role as a roving envoy for Britain.

Fans of Elvis Presley hung a marker at Prestwick airport near Glasgow to commemorate the King's one-hour stopover 32 years ago as he returned home from military service in Germany.

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WEATHER

Weather forecast for Wednesday through Friday, as provided by Accu-Weather. Includes maps for Europe, North America, Asia, and Latin America with temperature and precipitation data.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of Oct. 25.

"I wonder if the little guy had fun today?"



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